



THE
COLORADO
EDUCATION
INITIATIVE

January 16, 2015

Robert Hammond, Commissioner
Colorado Department of Education
201 E. Colfax Avenue, Room 500
Denver, CO 80112

Dear Commissioner Hammond,

The Colorado Education Initiative is pleased to provide a grant to the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) in the amount of \$215,839 for the Accelerator Project. This letter outlines the key components of the grant, which are further detailed in Memorandum of Understanding.

Grant Amount and Period

This grant is for \$215,839 from December 1, 2014 to December 31, 2015.

Grant Description

The purpose of the Accelerator Project is to sustain and accelerate current efforts to implement the Colorado Academic Standards, assessments, and educator evaluation systems and to capture and share best practices.

Grant Outcomes

Grant Outcome 1: By the end of 2015, 4,000 Colorado teachers shift their instruction to support student mastery of the CAS.

Grant Outcome 2: By the end of 2015, roughly 20 percent of the 178 school districts in Colorado demonstrate increased evidence of becoming responsive systems that are able to respond to, support, and enable educator and student learning.

Grant Outcome 3: There is increased understanding of standards, assessments, and evaluation among educators and the community.

Grant Project Leads and Contact Information

The lead for this grant project at the Colorado Education Initiative is Andrew Smiles at asmiles@coloradoedinitiative.org. The leads for the Colorado Department of Education are Jill Hawley at hawley_j@cde.state.co.us and Rebecca Holmes at holmes_r@cde.state.co.us.

Grant Scope of Work

Pursuant to section 22-7-1010 (3), C.R.S. and section 22-9-105.7 (1), C.R.S., the Colorado Department of Education is authorized to accept gifts, grants, and donations to implement the Preschool through Postsecondary Education Alignment Act and educator evaluation systems. The scope of work for this project is aligned with this statutory authorization.

During the grant period, CDE will use grant monies to engage in the following activities:

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\$215,839	Funding for implementation of the Colorado Academic and English Language Proficiency Standards. This includes instructional support tools, including embedding LDC and MDC into the sample instructional units and funding any necessary staff to complete this work.

Grant Reporting

By accepting this grant, CDE agrees to provide reports on the schedule outlined below regarding implementation of the activities outlined in the scope of work and progress toward achieving the grant outcomes. Each grant report must include an expenditure report of grant funds.

April 30, 2015	Interim progress report due to CEI showing meaningful progress against outlined outcomes and activities via a narrative report, updated work plan(s), and budget to actuals spreadsheet.
January 16, 2016	Final progress report due to CEI showing meaningful progress and/or completion of outlined outcomes and activities via a narrative report.

CEI looks forward to working with CDE to meet the objectives of this grant.

Sincerely,



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Payee: Colorado Department of Education
 Vendor ID: COLOED
 Account #: 10748
 1/20/2015

Invoice	Description	Discount	Amount
20150119-CRQ-SS	Check Request for CDE	\$0.00	\$215,839.00
<i>Accelerator Project - Grant Award</i>			

Total: \$0.00 \$215,839.00

SECURITY FEATURES INCLUDE TRUE WATERMARK PAPER HEAT SENSITIVE ICON AND FOIL HOLOGRAM.

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 DENVER, CO 80201
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 DATE 1/20/2015

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 1660 LINCOLN STREET, SUITE 2000
 DENVER, CO 80264

AMOUNT
 \$ 215,839.00

****Two Hundred Fifteen Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Nine and 00/100 Dollars

PAY TO THE ORDER OF:

Colorado Department of Education
 ATTN: Vance Finley - Grants Accountant
 201 E Colfax Avenue Room 409
 Denver, CO 80203

VOID AFTER 90 DAYS

Sandra Soler
 AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE



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